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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 and 16-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12 and 15 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

1.Applicant's election of Group II, claims 10-15 in the reply filed on October 27, 2008 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). The non-elected claims should be cancelled to expedite the prosecution.

2.Claims 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13 and 14 are objected to as the prior art does not disclose the limitations of these claims.

3.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slagel (see col. 2, line 34 through col. 5, line 30 for the urethane components and col. 5, lines 31-64 for the mixing of the components) in view of Orlosky and Andino et al. Slagel discloses the basic claimed method of making a plastic lens for eyewear by reacting the instant diisocyanate and diols to form a prepolymer, mixing the prepolymer with aromatic diamine curing agents and casting the mixture into a mold. Essentially, the primary reference lacks a disclosure of the mold having a casting hole and venting hole and being composed of two molds positioned within a gasket and that the casting

is carried out while the casting mold is tilted from the horizontal. Orlosky (see Figs. 1 and 3) teaches the instant molding arrangement with two molds (18, 20) being positioned within a gasket (10), the mold having a casting hole (54) into which a tube (62) from a resin reservoir discharge outlet is connected and a discharge hole (56) by which the gases are vented while the resin is filled into the cavity. Andino et al discloses tilting the mold cavity during casting. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of the primary reference as taught by Orlosky and Andino et al to facilitate the casting operation. I.e., the primary reference teaches general casting methods using the instant polymeric reactants and the secondary references fairly teach the instant mold and its use in a casting process. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to employ the specific casting steps taught in the secondary references in the general casting of the primary reference, employing the materials used in the primary reference. Preheating of the casting mold is conventional in the art and would have been obvious in the method of Slagel to accelerate the reaction time.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mathieu D. Vargot whose telephone number is 571 272-1211. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on 571 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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